

## **Board Meeting Summary November 11, 2020**

**Notes from the Board of Education meeting held November 11, 2020 at the District Office. These notes are provided as one way to keep stakeholders of the district informed on the work of the Board of Education and district administration. These notes are not minutes of the meeting. They are simply the recollections of Assistant Superintendent Keri Greener and Superintendent Carlsen.**

The Board of Education began their meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Call to Order by Karen Cronin, Board President. Keith Mecham, Assistant Superintendent, offered a reverence. Tiffani Summers, Board Member, led the Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance.

Tiffany Summers, Board Member, recognized the following individuals:

- Thank officer Neil Green and Joe Thomas for the help they gave at the October Board Meeting.

The following individuals sent in comments to the Board:

**Linda Petersen:** All of my 12 grandchildren attend school in Box Elder Schools. Because of my age and health condition it is hard to be around my grandkids. My grandkids tell me that during their lunch hours that a majority of students are not wearing their masks or social distancing especially during these cold days. They tell me that in a gymnasium is over 150 students that are running around and not being able to comply with the governor's mandate. Teachers and administrators are not requiring that students wear their masks after eating lunch. Maybe they are requiring the masks, but there is no way to enforce this mandate. I am just voicing my concerns and know that we have the best teachers here in the state. I have children who are teachers and I know the stress that they are going through. I also realize the need for children to be in school. I am only hoping that the board can discuss these issues and find ways for administrators and teachers to be able keep our students and their families safe.

**Marcie Powell:** What kind of message is being sent to our students and families if they are penalized for staying home when sick? My daughter recently tested positive for Covid-19. As soon as she knew she contacted Bear River High School to let them know that her son would need to quarantine and not be in. Every time she called the phone was answered by a student, she would ask to talk to someone about him being quarantined and would be transferred to a voicemail. She left numerous messages and after three days when she was finally able to talk to someone, she was chastised for not having her son in school and taking so long to notify them. When asked if he could have used a computer/tablet to do his homework, she was denied, because those are only available for on-line students. She is doing her best to keep her child home when needed, but runs into obstacles from the school. He was initially told he would be doing on-line classes, and would start September 8, then they were contacted because he was not in school. He was not able to ride the bus to school because a seat was not assigned to him, he walked to school and was told to leave because he was assigned to on-line classes. After the school finally figured out his in person classes they would not remove the absences for the first week of school. Bottom line - are students to stay home when sick or should they go to school? When they need to quarantine with their family what resources can be provided to help the student?

### **Action Items:**

- The Board approved the Cost Proposal for Demolition of the old Bunderson Building and Site Work
- The Board approved the 2021-2022 District Calendar
- The Board approved the Lease Purchase Agreement for the East Elementary School

**Information Items:**

- Rod Cook shared the Monthly Financial Report
- Superintendent, Steve Carlsen, shared a COVID Information Update

**Policy Review:** The following Policy is deleted and moved into the revised 5005 Safe Schools/Student Behavior

- Policy 5280 Student Discipline – District Program

**Policy Review: The following policies were approved for first reading**

- Policy 1050 Qualifications & Appointment Procedures for Student Board Member
- Policy 4027 Special Programs- Dropout Prevention and Recovery
- Policy 5005 Safe Schools - Student Discipline/Behavior

**Policy Review: The following policies were approved for second reading**

- Policy 3022 Employment- BESD LEA Specific Teacher License Endorsement
- Policy 3023 Educator Induction, Mentoring, and Professional Learning
- Policy 3035 Employee Criminal Background Checks and Arrest Disclosure Requirements
- Policy 3098 Employee Surveys
- Policy 5230 School Fees
- Policy 5310 Fundraising
- Policy 5360 Suicide Prevention

Board went into a closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

**Corey Thompson gave the Board a facilities update.**

- Sunrise High School is near completion. Some delays have pushed back the opening date. They are working with Principal Jackman to get a new opening date.
- The new elementary school in Brigham City- Demo and site work will begin on November 18. Principal Heidi Jo West and Principal Brandon Nelson shared the process that was taken to involve the community in naming the new school. After three rounds of voting, the final three names were presented to the Board for their consideration. The School Board will have naming of the new elementary school at the December 9 Board meeting.
  - Peach Valley
  - Canyon Creek
  - Snow Elementary

Board Discussion items: *Learning by Doing*

**The Board approved the following consent items.**

- The Minutes for the August 2020 Board meeting
- Approval of Claims
- Personnel